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ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SCS-03 PPT-01 L-03 PC-01 SY-05 OPR-02
CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 SCA-01 OC-06 CCO-00 COME-00
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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9352
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
AMEMBASSY DAKAR
AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY LOME
AMEMBASSY NIAMEY
AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC PINS DM

SUBJ: TRAVEL TO BENIN

REF: A STATE 25302 B COTONOU 248 C COTONOU 245

1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S HAVING RELAYED MESSAGE DISCOURAGING
NON-OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO BENIN AS LONG AS STATE OF EMERGENCY
REMAINS IN EFFECT. WHILE SITUATION SEEMS TO BE GROWING CALMER,
POST-COUP NERVOUSNESS STILL EVIDENT. TWO US TOURISTS ON FEB
2 WERE SINGLED OUT AT AIRPORT ON BASIS OF PASSPORTS AND
SUBJECTED TO EXTRAORDINARY DELAY AND SECURITY SEARCH. ON
FEBRUARY 3, PROPERLY DOCUMENTED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER WAS
ARRESTED WITHOUT CAUSE ON MAIN STREET IN COTONOU AND ONLY
ESCAPED INTERNMENT IN CAMP GUEZO THANKS TO FORTUITOUS INTER-
VENTION BY ONE OF VOLUNTEER'S STUDENTS.

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2. REGRET ANY MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING NATURE OF NOTICE
DISCOURAGING NON-OFFICIAL VISITORS TO BENIN. AT NO TIME HAD
WE CONSIDERED OR REQUESTED PRESS RELEASE OR SIMILAR
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. PARA 1 REF A CONVEYED INFORMATION IN
DESIRED FORM.

3. THIS DOES NOT LESSEN OUR CONCERN FOR THE TREATMENT OF NON-OFFICIAL VISITORS DURING EMERGENCY PERIOD, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED BY PEACE CORPS IN BENIN (REF C) WE SHALL KEEP DEPARTMNT INFORMED OF ANY IMPROVEMENT OR DETERIORATION IN SITUATION. THOMPSON

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Message Attributes

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